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1. INTERVIEW WITH ANGOLAN HIGH COMMISSIONER: IN AN INTERVIEW
PUBLISHED BY "O SEculo" OCT 20, ANGOLAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ADM
LEONEL CARDOSO MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS REGARDING THE PROCESS BY
WHICH PORTUGAL WILL GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO ANGOLA:
--PORTUGAL IS NOT IN A POSITION TO "DICTATE" A PROCESS BY WHICH
SOVEREIGNTY IS TRANSFERRED IN ANGOLA; IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE
THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS MEET AND REACH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING
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AND PLATFORM TO BREAK CURRENT IMPASSE.

--GOP WOULD LIKE TO HAND OVER THE POWER TO THE THREE MOVEMENTS TOGETHER. "IF THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, I AM WILLING TO ALLOW US TO HAND POWER TO TWO MOVEMENTS, BUT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WHAT WOULD NOT BE PERMISSIBLE IS THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO ONLY ONE MOVEMENT: IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL, IT WOULD SHOCK WORLD PUBLIC OPINION," AND WOULD BE "POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY UNHELPFUL" FOR THE SELECTED MOVEMENT.

--"PORTUGAL DOES NOT DESIRE IN ANY WAY TO TURN TO THE UNITED NATIONS OR THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY" TO MEDIATE A SOLUTION TO THE ANGOLA SITUATION, THOUGH UN COULD BE UTILIZED AS A "LAST RECOURSE." WHAT IS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION IS MILITARY INTERVENTION BY THESE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

--CARDOSO FORSAW IN LAST DAYS OF OCTOBER "A SPECTACULAR EVOLUTION IN THE ANGOLAN SITUATION," RESULTING FROM THE INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS NOW UNDERWAY.

2. MORAIS DE SILVA COMMENT: AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF GEN MORAIS DE SILVA TOLD DATT "HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED" IF FNLA WERE IN POSSESSION OF LUANDA BY NOV11. (REFTEL).
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